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Editorials

THE ALUMNI. To the average student the word alumni means very little. The undergraduate merely asks who the alumnus is when one visits the College and the name quickly passes from the student's mind unless the alumnus has been a football hero or has in some way distinguished himself. But those who soon expect to be added to the ever-growing number of alumni, take more than a passing glance; they wish to know the old graduates, they would like to hear them talk and find out what advantages they have discovered from having studied at the Connecticut Agricultural College and how they are getting on in the world. Not merely should the upper classmen seek to become acquainted with the alumni but every student should endeavor to know the men who have helped make this institution what it is.

The alumni of the Connecticut Agricultural College are scattered about in sixteen different states and three foreign countries. Over eighty towns and cities are represented by the alumni of Connecticut. What an influence for the betterment of the College there would be if each and every one of these alumni should start in and work in its interests by sending students, by influencing representatives that appropriations may be readily obtained, and by speaking a good word for the institution, now that a marked advancement is being made.

This number of THE LOOKOUT has been set aside for the alumni and as many alumni notes as possible have been obtained by the alumni editor. Several of the alumni have responded by sending in articles or greetings for which the editors are very grateful.

NO BASKETBALL TEAM.

It is with regret that we announce that there will be no College basketball team this winter. At the beginning of the season the prospects were bright for a good team, but owing to the lack of finances the Athletic Association voted not to have a College team this winter. Manager Hull had arranged an excellent schedule and Captain Briggs wished to play but rather than run into debt, and thus possibly interfere with the baseball schedule, they were willing to give it up.

It seems strange that a College of this size can not support a

basketball team. Although there is an increased number of students this year the Association has had greater difficulty than ever in collecting the dues. This is one point that should be impressed on the mind of the student before coming to College. There is an athletic fee of five dollars, and in order that athletics may be carried on, every student must pay his dues. Larger institutions are being played than heretofore, and larger guarantees are demanded.

This does not mean, however, that there will be no more basketball at Connecticut; this action is only for this season. A series of games has been arranged among the classes and some exciting times are promised. This will encourage class spirit which has of late been lacking.

TO THE SHORT HORN. Just a word to the "Short Horn." This is THE LOOKOUT, the College magazine published by the students. You are a student and all the students at Connecticut subscribe for THE LOOKOUT. Therefore it's up to you to do likewise, not only for your own benefit, which would be selfish, but for the benefit of the paper, which would show your generosity; and then, too, the more subscriptions, the better the paper. Subscribe.

NEW CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR. Howard Douglas Newton, of Stockbridge, Mass., has been engaged as instructor in chemistry for the rest of the year. Mr. Newton is a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College and has been for three years assistant instructor of chemistry at Yale. THE LOOKOUT wishes him success in his work here.

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Alumni Notes

'88. C. A. Wheeler and C. H. Savage attended the Country Life Convention at Springfield, December 17th. Professor Wheeler went as the delegate of Mansfield Grange.

Professor Wheeler seems to be the man of the hour. Not only has he been elected Master of the Mansfield Grange for the ensuing year, but at the regular meeting of the Quinebaug Pomona Grange at Putnam, December 5th, to this popular professor was given the office of lecturer.

'90. C. B. Pomeroy, of Willimantic, one of the successful farmers of eastern Connecticut, is building up a fine herd of Holsteins. One

of his best animals is a grandson of Hengerveld Dekol, that famous sire of black and white beauties.

'93. H. G. Sperry, who has been connected with the Hartford branch of the Prudential Insurance Company, has been placed in charge of the office of the company in New Britain, Conn. Mr. Sperry began at the bottom and has been advanced rapidly by frequent promotions. We wish him success in his new position.

E. T. Beard has changed his address to Providence, R. I. Mr. Beard expects to be in business in that city for the winter.

'95. W. A. Stocking, one of our promising alumni, has had another responsible position placed under his charge. He is now at the head of the Dairy department of Cornell University.

'97. During the recent meeting of the State Board of Agriculture at Meriden, Mr. V. C. Luchinni entertained his friends, C. B. Pomeroy, '90, and H. L. Garrigus, '98.

'98. H. F. Onthrup has returned to his home in Middletown, after an absence of over three years. He reports varied experiences during the years spent on the Pacific coast.

Joseph W. Pincus has left Woodbine, New Jersey, and is now occupying the position of editor of *The Jewish Farmer*, a monthly paper devoted to the interests of the Jewish farmers of the United States. *The Jewish Farmer* is the only agricultural publication in the Yiddish language in the world. Mr. Pincus visits the Jewish farmers of the eastern United States, lecturing. For over ten years he has been connected with the Agricultural School and with other activities at Woodbine. His new address is No. 174 Second Ave., New York City. Mr. Pincus visited the College, December 21st.

'00. Word comes from Amherst Agricultural College that A. V. Osmun is achieving a name for himself. Such news is encouraging and inspiring to students still attending C. A. C.

Ex. '00. C. S. Fitts is now serving in the capacity of associate editor on the *Weekly Call* at Dunellen, New Jersey.

'02. G. H. Hollister visited College, December 12th and 14th.

'04. Frederic J. Ford, a familiar figure during the days of the 1904 class, has lately been appointed assistant postmaster at Washington, Conn.

Ex. '04. Miss Grace Koons is rooming with Miss Nora Shurtleff on Washington Street, Providence, R. I.

'05. A. E. Moss recently visited his friend, I. W. Patterson, in Providence.

Fritz Koenig has been appointed demonstrator in the anatomy department of the New York State Veterinary College.

Ex. '05. W. R. Nash attended the Brown-Yale game at New Haven, November 7th. At the game he met F. S. Koons, who is now at Yale.

'06. The Commission on Country Life, appointed by President Roosevelt, was entertained a short time ago by the Agricultural Association at Cornell. A. W. Sweeton was chosen by a competitive test to be one of the speakers to address the Commission.

'06. Dr. W. L. Curtis is now acting as assistant to Dr. Miller, of New York City. His address is 118 West 53d Street.

Miss M. E. Toohy, of Marbledale, visited the College, December 2d to 8th, attending the football hop December 4th. From here Miss Toohy went to Kent, Conn., to take charge of a school in that town.

'08. H. W. Wooden visited Storrs, December 14th and 15th.

C. W. Bonner has moved to Professor Gulley's farm at Talcottville. Mr. Bonner has purchased Mrs. Warren's share of the place and will take charge of the orchard at once.

On the night of the Rhode Island football game, in Cupid's room at Cornell, was gathered an excited crowd of Connecticut men, waiting anxiously for word from their Alma Mater. They hoped for a victory over the Kingston boys; but such was not destined to be the result. However, at a word from Wadsworth, a duck supper appeared and the Storrs-boys-at-Cornell swallowed their disappointment along with their duck.

This year Cornell is sheltering the following members of our Alumni Association: '05, Koenig, Vet.; Tuller and Hollister, Agri.; Cornwall, Law; ex. '05, Jennings, Agri.; '06, Risley, Vet.; Sweeton, Agri.; '08, Marsh and Wadsworth, Agri.; and Woodruff, M. E.

Some of the alumni who attended the State Board meeting at Meriden, December 8th, 9th, 10th, were: Professor Wheeler, '88; C. B. Pomeroy, '90; Stancliff Hale, ex. '96; Barnard, '08; Buell, ex. '01; and several short course men.

The officers of the Mansfield Grange this year are: Master, C. A. Wheeler, '88; Overseer, E. B. Fitts, '93; Steward, H. D. Edmond, '00; Treasurer, H. L. Garrigus, '98.

'07. George W. Simon visited the College, December 21st, bringing with him a prospective student. Mr. Simon is representing the Jewish Agricultural and Industrial Aid Society and lectures to the Jewish people. He expects in January to pay a visit to his old home in Russia, intending to be away about two months.

'08. Horace Case recently spent two weeks at Washington, D. C. He went there as a delegate to the National Grange.

THE LOOKOUT always appreciates items of any kind from or concerning any alumni. We are more or less dependent upon the graduates and it is through the magazine that their interests in the College, its students, and its great body of alumni must be kept alive. We are of the same Alma Mater, let then us be friends, and let our bond of comradeship be this sacred column.



The Lookout Needs the Support of the Alumni

VERY few alumni who read THE LOOKOUT ever realize that they owe it more than the one dollar a year for subscription. There is a very large number of alumni who do not even subscribe for the magazine. But it is evident that of this number very few take much interest in the doings at Storrs. Those who do continue their subscriptions read THE LOOKOUT with more or less interest as it visits them from month to month. They little realize the work and trouble that a few students have been through to produce this magazine.

It is true that THE LOOKOUT is edited by the students but it should receive the hearty support of all alumni; first, by subscribing for it regularly, and then, if possible, by sending in to the alumni editor, notes pertaining to the alumni, and now and then an article.

Through the various departments of the magazine it is now possible for the alumni to keep in touch with all the progressive work at Storrs in all the College departments. Those interested in athletics find ample space devoted to this part of College life. At this point, let me admit the athletic teams deserve great credit for the work they have done in the past few years. Of as great importance to us as any is the alumni department which is our portion of the magazine, but has to be carried along as best it can by the students. I have had a year's experience with the alumni department of THE LOOKOUT and know how to sympathize with the man who undertakes to make this column come up to standard. The alumni editor's work could be made much easier if we, the alumni of C. A. C., would all turn in and help him. This is the appeal I made when editor; I have maintained that point ever since, and as far as possible, have done all in my power to support the editor. This can be done by sending in notes of interest, happenings among the alumni, also a word of en-

couragement or greeting so that the editor will feel that he is being supported.

I wish to congratulate the Board of Editors for setting aside the January number for the alumni and hope that they will receive hearty support in their work, and that the alumni number may make its appearance each year.

ONE OF THE ALUMNI.

FROM A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1890.

I wish to send my best wishes to THE LOOKOUT in its endeavor to build up the highest and best interests of the Connecticut Agricultural College. The task of the editors is not an easy one, but well done, means a great deal for the future of our Alma Mater.

MERRILL E. BROWN.

TO '06ERS AND FELLOW ALUMNI.

With the passing of the old year and the dawning of the new we, as joint heirs of old Storrs, have much cause for gratification, and can reasonably expect even greater progress in the future than has blessed the institution in the past. Thus, we can well afford to extend greetings of good cheer and recite in unison, "Peace on earth, good will towards men."

THE BRANFORDITE.

FROM THE WEST.

Editor of THE LOOKOUT—I think I must grasp the opportunity offered by your letter to be heard among the alumni of C. A. C. I am sure that I should like to hear from some of the others, as I have not for a long time except from my own class. Several times a year the class letter of '92, now in its seventeenth year, comes to my hand. Eight members, every one on hand, and all married but one. I shall not forget the good company that I had on the train from Willimantic on my last visit to Storrs, in '03. Half-a-dozen Connecticut farmers, friends and graduates of Storrs, no better company anywhere.

The agriculture of Nebraska is interesting, though it is not in my immediate line. For three years I have enjoyed the farmers' institutes held under the direction of the Agricultural Department of the State University and so arranged as to reach every considerable town in the state. Once the "Corn Car" came our way. It is a lecture room on wheels with a full equipment of illustrated material in charge of one or two professors. It makes several towns a day on an advertised schedule and the farmers come to hear, filling the car. Topics of the lecture vary according to the section and audience; breeding cattle, or hogs, corn, alfalfa, semi-arid crops, etc. Agricul-

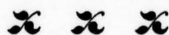
ture is being introduced into the public schools quite generally. Corn breeding has a large share of attention. A corn show, exclusively, is on in Omaha this week. A county competitive exhibit will be held among the school children here soon.

The Agricultural College is a part of the State University but it has a well-equipped plant, some fine buildings by itself, at a place known as State Farm, three or four miles out of the city, reached by a trolley.

The present governor, George L. Sheldon, is a farmer, the governor-elect, A. C. Shallenbarger, is a ranchman.

Perhaps this is all the space I ought to take. I should like to put a thorough Connecticut farmer on a Nebraska farm for one season and know what he would think of it. I shall hope to hear good things of Storrs under the new president. Success to THE LOOKOUT.

S. H. BUELL, '92.



Connecticut vs. Cornell

ABOUT the first question asked by a student who is thinking of going to Cornell or to some other college is, "How does the Connecticut Agricultural College compare with Cornell? Is the latter very much better?" or some such question—one which cannot be answered by yes or no. I do not blame the student for asking such a question, for I asked the same one before I came here, and for that very reason, I shall try and answer it.

In the first place it must be remembered that Cornell University and Cornell Agricultural College are not the same, the former is composed of eight colleges, the Agricultural being one of these. This in a way subordinates the Agricultural College as compared to Storrs, but on the other hand it gives to us in the Agricultural College opportunities to study in the other colleges, to attend their lectures, etc.

But to take the Agricultural College by itself; there were 325 students registered last year and this large number necessitates a larger teaching force than at Storrs, and it also means that each man has fewer subjects to prepare himself in, and is therefore better able to teach the one or two subjects which are in his line. At C. A. C. many of the men are obliged to teach several subjects. Some of the undergraduate work is taken with the students in the other colleges and thus we get the benefit of the laboratories and other opportunities which come in such courses.

Another feature which has struck me ever since I came is the

laboratory fee charged to every student who is taking the course. This feature should be installed at C. A. C. in a greater or less degree. A small charge to every student will not bear heavily, but will be the means of saving to the department a large sum of money. The money which is allotted to each department does not allow for the purchase of much new apparatus if the larger part is to go for running expenses, but, by the charging fees, new apparatus could be procured and the efficiency of the course increased and made more beneficial to the student, who would in the end gain by paying the laboratory fee. Another point in favor of the fee is that the careless student is made careful and more and better results are obtained if all materials broken are charged to him. You may say that C. A. C. offers free instruction, and so she does, but carelessness is not instruction. The cost of our experience should not be borne by someone else.

As Storrs has its College organizations and societies, so have we here at our Agricultural College. We have our meetings where the faculty and student meet on common ground; our musical clubs, and meetings in the various departments. But our athletics differ. Most of the contests at C. A. C. are with outside teams, while ours are all within the university. Here, first of all, we must support the teams representing Cornell University and men for these teams come from the various colleges; the college teams are secondary.

The Connecticut Agricultural College is maintained by the state and is primarily for the education of its sons and daughters, therefore the work done at Storrs is to teach Connecticut conditions and how these may be improved. There is a faculty well-equipped to carry on this work, and when a person raises the question, whether he shall go to Storrs or Cornell, I should say, go to the one where he expects to locate. But if he is undecided where he is to locate all I could say would be go to the one which seems to answer his requirements. This is a question which every man must determine for himself, unless he gives himself over to some one else in the selection of his college.

Another question along this line is, "Shall I go to Cornell after finishing the four-year course?" This also is a question each must answer for himself. Personally I have the greatest faith in the growth and standing of C. A. C., and in a few years this question will not be raised with regard to the efficiency of the college or its rating; a few years and Connecticut Agricultural College will be recognized as one of the strongest Agricultural Colleges of the East.

In this short article I have endeavored to point out some of the conditions of the two colleges, and if I have been partial to one or the other, it is because I have tried to be fair to both. Therefore it can

be seen that while Connecticut is an independent college, Cornell Agricultural College is one of the colleges making up a university. In her increased numbers of students she gains an increased efficiency in her teaching force, but loses in the individuality of the students coming into personal contact with the faculty, as is the case at Storrs. Athletic relations at C. A. C. are outside the college, while here they are within the university. The social functions are about the same, numbers making the only difference. Whether one should attend Cornell or Connecticut depends upon his own views; but it is always well to attend the college where one expects to locate, or where the conditions are most like where he may locate. But no matter where we go, the college where we first graduate will always be our Alma Mater.

S. P. HOLLISTER, '05; Cornell, '09.

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Outlooks

WE'RE off again. Just a short stop over to take on coal and provisions, and now we are steaming along with renewed vigor. Vacation is over, and a third of the college year has gone down to history. Have we attained that highest degree of faultlessness to which it is possible for us, in our existence at C. A. C., to attain? Why, certainly not. We do not wish to be classed with the idealist, but, in a broad sense, "Progress" should be our motto. Let each year, each term, each day, be, in some respect, an improvement over the previous. New Year resolutions, the butt of many jokes, are seldom kept; hence the jokes. True it is that "It's the little things in life that count," and so in slang parlance, it's up to us, to make sure that the little things, the words, actions, and thoughts, of 1909, shall be an improvement upon, a decided betterment of, our words, actions, and thoughts, of 1908.

Beginning with the term, and mingling with our numerous, but oftentimes imaginary troubles, comes the short course student, or, to be more explicit, the "Short Horn." We must let him share our lot for at least six long weeks, if he be a hen, and for twelve if, perchance, he be a cow. But cheer up, we may discover a second "Society," who will, during spare moments, furnish sufficient amusement to partially repay us for the temporary discomforts which he and his like may cause us. However, he also is in search of the gem, knowledge, so, with as good grace as possible, we welcome to our midst, or to our outside edge, the young people, and others, who have wisely come to C. A. C. to determine the answers to such scientific queries

as, "Which came first, the egg or the hen?" and, to go still deeper, "Why is a hen?"

A problem has arisen, the investigation of which may later be taken up by some of our bacteriological students. This matter appears at present to rank in importance with the tuberculosis question. It is a new disease, and the bacteria or micro-organisms which are the cause of it are yet to be discovered; and means by which their growth or spread may be checked, are being eagerly sought. For want of a better name, we may call this dread malady, "Butteric Fingerosa." It has been observed only in the dining hall, and has attacked a select few of the waiters, while slight evidences of it have been noticed even in the serving room. During the rush and hurry of the meal hours one should be surprised at nothing; for to have a plate of chicken (bones) suddenly drop, bottom up, from a clear sky, onto the table, or to feel a cup of hot coffee gently poured downward between one's collar and cuticle, why, these are mere trifles. At times we hear a rolling crash of thunder caused by a tray of a dozen or so of plates as they gently descend to the floor. However, such things do happen and we feel disheartened about them; possibly the chicken is more digestible upon the table than had it been consumed. As we ourselves live in glass houses, we must stop throwing stones, and, as waiters and grub are indispensable nuisances we will, in fear and trembling, bow to the inevitable. May our hearty sympathy then be extended to the clergyman down whose neck a plate of hot soup was spilled just as he finished the blessing, "Oh, Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us duly thankful."

We have now had an opportunity to determine whether we like the new arrangement of study hour or not. Under the present system there is not so much visiting going on. We miss those delicious bean and chicken suppers at Spring Hill and Gurleyville; we lose the elevating and inspiring influence of many concerts, both vocal and instrumental, which formerly furnished us with entertainment during the long evenings; we are deprived of the pleasure of tipping our worst enemy or our best friend out of bed as soon as he is fast asleep, and all this for what? Why, so that we may study. Now, when the bell peals its warning, the dormitory quiets down, students are seen scurrying this way and that towards their habitations, books and pens are produced and then, O, how the gray matter is used up. But is this so? Do they study? Quiet, indeed, prevails. The student nods, the bunk is near by and enticing, and it is good-by to geometry, physics, bacteriology or botany for the evening. Former-

ly, there was commotion and noise enough, so that he who would study must keep awake whether or no; now the drowsy reaction of cold air, skating, and other outdoor sports, seems to overpower the physical man in many cases, and he sleeps the sleep of the ignorant. But, laying aside all lighter references, we have drawn the conclusion as have many others, that the present method of observance of study hour is much more efficient than the methods practised during the previous year.

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Department Notes

POULTRY.

THE changes taking place at the poultry plant, as mentioned in our last issue, in preparation for the short course students are as follows: The incubators are being transferred to the former incubator cellar and the basement of the barn is to be used for classroom. The reasons for this change are: first, incubators run easier and give less trouble when operated in the cellar; second, the basement of the barn is large enough to allow room for working under cover. Here, besides attending classes, the students will construct colony houses and do other work assigned them. A heater will be installed in the basement to render the room comfortable.

The scratching sheds are being fitted in front with movable curtains. These sheds have heretofore been left open. It is hoped that by this means the malady of colds, which occasionally break out, will be lessened. The trap nest house has undergone important changes as regards the health and comfort of the fowls. Curtains have been hung over the interior doors and other openings where draughts are likely to occur. A straw loft has been put in.

The wire fences around the yards have had two feet more of height added to them. This will prevent any crossing of the different breeds.

THE FARM.

This department has been very busy this season and has accomplished an unusually large amount of work. About ten acres of swamp land and twelve acres of upland have been cleaned up. Brush has been cut and burned, a large quantity of stone and boulders taken out and carried off and, in short, what was formerly unproductive as well as unsightly is now just the opposite. As this land is located in conspicuous places the work is considered important. A circular trough of generous size has been constructed in the barnyard. This

trough is made of cement and provides fresh water for the stock at all times.

The new piggery floors have been finished, the partitions placed and cement troughs built. The building is now complete.

Hundreds of boulders and small stones have been dumped into the mud hole south of the building. The dirt which had to be removed from the rear of the building has been used to grade the front for yards, to fill holes where rocks were removed, and to cover these same rocks in the mud hole. Quite a change has taken place in this section of the farm. All this has been accomplished without the help of skilled labor and the teams have attended to the heavy freight and hauling of coal usual at this season of the year.

HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

The department recently received several donations of tropical plants from the Department of Agriculture at Washington. These plants are of economic value and are on trial to see if they will be of value in the United States. The plants have been placed in the large house and will be allowed to grow as large as space will permit.

A correct list of the varieties and species of the plants in the greenhouse has been made, which shows that there are over two hundred fifty different varieties and species.

Those interested in new plants and flowers should call at the greenhouse every week or so to see the new growths and blossoms. The principal work at present is the making of cuttings of bedding plants for the beds next summer.

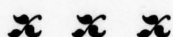
The first woods back of Storrs Hall, which have been reserved for a park, are undergoing quite a change. The underbrush and useless trees have been cut and burned and some of the heavier trees removed.

MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

The mechanical department will be taxed to its utmost this term, to accommodate, in woodwork, the junior class, the largest in the history of the College. As wood-working is an essential item to every farmer, as well as mechanical student, this department should be fitted up with more machines for that purpose, in order that one may get the full benefit that may be derived from this course. A great deal of practice is necessary, which can not be had under the present system. The senior class in wood-working is somewhat handicapped in that there are only three lathes in the department for a class of nine. Consequently, the class has been di-

vided into three sections which does not give the student the chance to become skillful in the art of wood-working.

The new McVicker engine, recently installed, is giving excellent service in running the pump and dynamo.



Locals

THE Freshman Rhetoricals took place Friday evening, December eleventh; the programme was interesting, and the speaking better than is usually given by the Freshmen.

Evidently misfortune paid a visit to one of the rooms in Storrs Hall recently, for when the English professor sent Smith to look for some of the missing ones, that hopeful youth brought back this report: "Wakeman, Davis, and Schofield are all sick in bed, and Lockhart has gone to the store to get them some medicine." The medicine evidently was very good; for by supper time all were able to be out.

Waiter—"What will you have to drink?"

Student—"Just potato."

This year the Cottage fence has been removed to the campus; we sincerely hope that by next year it will be out of sight of the Cottage.

Who shall say that the Football Hop lacked spice?

Miss Florence Jennings, of Buffalo, Miss Blakeslee, of Winsted, and Miss Goslee, of Morris, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the College.

Student—"When I say left, you use any foot that comes into your head."

The students go out on the ice;

They think that it will hold;

But find, to their dismay,

The water very cold.

Professor of English to Ford, sitting by radiator, from which steam is escaping—"Ford, do you know what steam does to prunes?"

Hull was recently up before the discipline committee for buying a pair of corduroys.

As the result of a collision while skating on the pond, Perkins has been laid up with a broken collar bone.

The football hop, held on December 4th, was a success in every way, even to the shaking up of the shaker.

Poor "Red," we feel sure that he has the sleeping fever. He has had several attacks in class, and one during exams.

Cuba had a skate on the other day.

At a meeting of the A. A., last term, E. H. Forbush was elected manager of the 1909 football team, with P. R. Seeley as assistant. We wish them good luck and a good team.

Wild West shows are frequent now days at Storrs. Reyes officiates with the lasso.

The papers for a candidate for the Fussers' Club have been signed by Forbes. He has great expectations of being voted in.

Is Godfrey studying a foreign language? He is often seen writing, page after page, of these mysterious words: Flo, Flo, Flos, Flos.

Professor—"Is Paris Green good for potato bugs?"

Senior—"No, sir; I should say it was very bad for them."

Under the directorship of our new steward things seem to be on the jump. The food agrees so well with some people that the chairs will no longer hold them.

Now that we are back once more from our vacation, back with a full stomach and a full stocking, let us get next to our books with a new resolve and not wait until a week before examination.

Question—What happened to Houston and Storrs on the foot-bridge?

Professor Monteith has moved into the rooms vacated by Mr. Proudman on the second floor of the main building. Mr. Edmond will begin housekeeping in Professor Monteith's old rooms, and Miss Rice will have the two rooms adjoining the dining room.

Charley Ivers seriously injured his shoulder while playing football at his home on Thanksgiving Day.

Remind Gamble that he should walk on the walks in front of Storrs Hall and not on the lawn.

Mr. F. C. Günther, of Rockville, has been engaged as chief clerk. Since coming to Storrs he has been married and will begin housekeeping in rooms at Mrs. Warren's.

Miss Whitney spent the Christmas vacation with Professor and Mrs. Graham, at Hampton, Va.

Seven students partook of the glorious feast prepared by Miss Rice on Christmas Day. So overcome were they at the sight of the good things to eat that hardly a word was spoken during the whole meal.

Intercollegiate Notes

HARVARD is soon to have one million dollars from the McKay bequest to use in scientific work.

A book of the records of the Dartmouth College men who fought in the Union army in the Civil War has been published by the trustees.

A non-secret, anti-fraternity club, has been organized at Tufts College. It is open to every Tufts man, student and alumnus, not a member of any fraternity.

What is perhaps the smallest public school in the world in point of attendance is in the mountains of Colorado. The teacher draws a salary of eighty-five dollars and has just two pupils. The school is kept open eight months of the year.

The United States has four hundred ninety-three universities, colleges, and technological schools, in which are being educated one hundred seventy-seven thousand, five hundred male, and fifty-one thousand seven hundred ninety-two female students; or two hundred twenty-nine thousand, two hundred ninety-five students in all. Of that number about sixty-five thousand are in the preparatory departments, about one hundred twenty-two thousand on collegiate, about eight thousand in graduate and about thirty-four thousand in professional departments.

The total number of regular students enrolled at the Michigan Agricultural College is one thousand fifty-five, of whom four hundred seventy-eight are new students. This is an increase of one hundred forty-six over last year.

Out of eighty-nine thousand six hundred and forty children in the village schools of New York, who have had their sight and hearing tested, it has been found that forty-three thousand six hundred and fifty-eight are suffering from defective vision, and five thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven from defective hearing. It is claimed that over forty per cent. of the school children have defective vision and that a large number have defective hearing.

The new greenhouse building at the North Dakota Agricultural College will soon be completed. This structure when completed will be sixty feet wide and sixty-six feet long with sufficient height to allow trees and shrubs of fair size to be grown in the beds. For the different kinds of work it will be divided into three parts, with proper equipment for each.

The Missouri Agricultural College will build a new agricultural building costing one hundred thousand dollars, which is hoped will

stand for a century. Usually in laying the corner stone of such a building a box containing papers or historical documents is put in the stone, but in this case a model ear of corn will be added. Corn will be sent in by the growers and breeders of Missouri, and the best ear will be taken. This, with the address of the grower, will be put in the stone.

Observations at the poultry plant of the North Dakota Agricultural College have resulted in the discovery that all good hens lay their eggs at about the hour of ten.

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Exchanges

THE Hermonite, one of our new exchanges, is a very good paper but it would be improved by the addition of more stories. The different departments show that the editors are doing their work well.

The continued story in The Chandelier, entitled "The Inheritance of Jean Ross," promises to be interesting if one may judge by the first installment. The cover of the paper could be improved however.

The cover of The Owl is especially attractive and the paper contains an abundance of good reading matter.

A good many of our exchanges are rather slow in getting out. Of course a paper may be behind time at the beginning of the year but by now they should be out on time.

The College Reflector, from the Mississippi Agricultural College, is one of our best exchanges. It is a well-filled and a well-written magazine.

One of our best newspaper exchanges is The Weekly Spectrum from the North Dakota Agricultural College. It is larger than most college weeklies and contains items interesting to the outsider as well as to the college.

I would flee from the city's rule and law—from its fashions and forms cut loose—and go where the strawberry grows on its straw and the gooseberry grows on the goose; where the catnip tree is climbed by the cat, as it clutches for her prey—the guileless and unsuspecting rat on the rattan bush at play; I will catch with ease the saffron cow and the cowlet in their glee, as they leap in joy from bough to bough on the top of a cowslip tree; and list while the partridge drums his drum and the dog devours the dogwood plum in the primitive solitude. O, let me drink from the moss-grown

pump, that was hewn from the pumpkin tree, eat mush and milk from a rural stump from folly and fashion free—new gathered mush from the mushroom vine and milk from the milkweed sweet—with pineapple from the pine. And then to the whitewashed dairy I'll turn where the maid there hastening hies, her ruddy and golden-red-butter to churn from the milk of her butterflies; and I'll rise at morn with the earliest bird, to the fragrant farmyard pass, and watch while the farmer turns his herd of grasshoppers out to grass.—Ex.

A Freshman's Interpretation—

November 20:

"My son, your report card has at last reached me;
And why, after each subject, do I find the letter 'C'?"
"Father, 'C' means that of all the rest
My class and 'exam' work are considered best."

January 30:

"And will you explain to me, my son,
Why there's 'D' after your studies, every one?"
"The reason is quite plain, father dear;
I deserve better marks than any here."

April 1:

"We read your report with much interest,
But what does the letter 'F' suggest?"
"Father, trust me to do myself proud;
'F' means the 'finest' student in the crowd."

June 16:

"And what, my studious, intellectual son,
Is the distinction that you with 'FF' won?"
"Father, dear father, congratulate me:
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—Ex.

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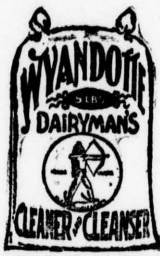
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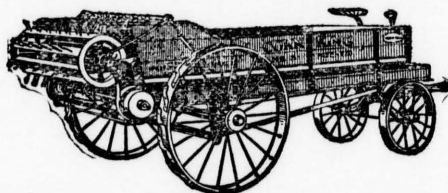
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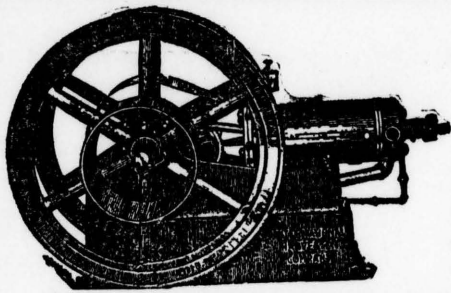
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